

**ELECTIONS HELD BY THE PANHANDLE GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT****CHAPTER 305**

S.B. No. 726

AN ACT**relating to elections held by the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District.***Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Sections 1B(b) and (c), Chapter 19, Acts of the 55th Legislature, Regular Session, 1957, are amended to read as follows:

(b) A directors' election shall be held on the *uniform election date in May* [~~third Saturday in January~~] in each *odd-numbered* [~~even-numbered~~] year to elect the appropriate number of directors.

(c) Except as provided by this section, a directors' election is held as provided by [~~Chapter 51, Water Code, and~~] the [~~Texas~~] Election Code.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed the Senate on April 3, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 19, 2017: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved May 29, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

**A STUDY AND REPORT REGARDING BEST PRACTICES IN
THE TRANSFER OF COURSE CREDIT BETWEEN PUBLIC
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION****CHAPTER 306**

S.B. No. 802

AN ACT**relating to a study and report regarding best practices in the transfer of course credit between public institutions of higher education.***Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 61.0667 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.0667. STUDY ON BEST PRACTICES IN CREDIT TRANSFER. (a) The board shall conduct a study to identify best practices in ensuring that courses transferred to an institution of higher education for course credit, including courses offered for dual credit, apply toward a degree program at the institution.

(b) The study must:

(1) evaluate existing articulation agreements that govern the transfer of course credit between institutions of higher education; and

(2) identify those institutions of higher education that are implementing the best practices identified under Subsection (a).

(c) On request, an institution of higher education shall provide information to the board as necessary for the board to perform its duties under this section.

(d) Not later than November 1, 2018, the board shall submit to the legislature the results of its study under this section and recommendations for legislative or other action.

(e) This section expires September 1, 2019.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all

the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed the Senate on March 22, 2017: Yeas 29, Nays 0; passed the House on May 23, 2017: Yeas 145, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved May 29, 2017.

Effective May 29, 2017.

**SEQUENCING OF REQUIRED ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS
COURSES AND MATHEMATICS COURSES IN SCHOOLS AND
CONFORMING CHANGES**

CHAPTER 307

S.B. No. 826

AN ACT

relating to the sequencing of required English language arts courses and mathematics courses in schools and conforming changes.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 28.025(b-2), Education Code, as amended by Chapters 211 (H.B. 5) and 214 (H.B. 2201), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is re-enacted and amended to read as follows:

(b-2) In adopting rules under Subsection (b-1), the State Board of Education shall:

(1) provide for a student to comply with the curriculum requirements for an advanced English course under Subsection (b-1)(1) ~~[taken after successful completion of English I, English II, and English III]~~, for an advanced mathematics course under Subsection (b-1)(2) ~~[taken after the successful completion of Algebra I and geometry]~~, and for any advanced science course under Subsection (b-1)(3) by successfully completing a course in the appropriate content area that has been approved as an advanced course by board rule or that is offered as an advanced course for credit without board approval as provided by Section 28.002(g-1); *and*

(2) allow a student to comply with the curriculum requirements for the third and fourth mathematics credits under Subsection (b-1)(2) or the third and fourth science credits under Subsection (b-1)(3) by successfully completing an advanced career and technical course designated by the State Board of Education as containing substantively similar and rigorous academic content.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2017–2018 school year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed the Senate on April 3, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 22, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendment, on May 17, 2017: Yeas 140, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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